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In re Application of :  
Muhl, et al. :  
Application No. 10/539,786 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: January 11, 2006 :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed, October 30, 2006, to change the name of inventor "Heinz Oswald" to - HEINZ OSSWALD --.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Office records have been updated to reflect the inventor's change of name. A corrected Filing Receipt, which reflects the inventor's change of name, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205. Any questions concerning the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is forwarded to OIPE for further processing as necessary.

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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt



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CONFIRMATION NO. 4903  
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**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

This application is a 371 of PCT/EP03/14425 12/17/2003

**Foreign Applications**

GERMANY 102 59746.4 12/19/2002

**If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted:** 08/04/2006

**The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is US10/539,786**

**Projected Publication Date:** Not Applicable

**Non-Publication Request:** No

**Early Publication Request: No**

**Title**

Thermally stable and liquid-tight joint between a first ceramic, metal, or plastic component and a second ceramic, metal or plastic component, and the use of one such joint

**Preliminary Class**

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